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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Southeast Asia

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I attended a meeting in [REDACTED] office this afternoon on Southeast Asia. Also present were Mr. Fitzgerald and Captain

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[REDACTED] from PSB. [REDACTED] did most of the talking.

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It seems that State Department insists on having terms of reference before the committee is constituted. [REDACTED] is seeing to this and when the terms of reference have been approved by the PSB, the first meeting of the panel will be convened. [REDACTED] feels very strongly that the study will be more effective if the panel is a high-ranking one, and he suggested that it be chairmaned by [REDACTED]. In response to the suggestions from Messrs.

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[REDACTED] and Fitzgerald, [REDACTED] finally went away with a suggested panel including, in addition to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] as deputy and someone in authority from Admiral Radford's staff. [REDACTED] said he thought it would be impossible to get [REDACTED] unless, as suggested by [REDACTED], the terms of reference included South China and Formosa. My name was mentioned in passing so I assume [REDACTED] will be included in some capacity.

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[REDACTED] has returned to PSB for further instructions and will hope to arrange for the convening of a panel without too much delay.

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Chief, Political Branch

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